

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the First full paragraph of specification page 1 with the following replacement paragraph:

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This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/072,140 now issued as U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DIAGNOSITCS EXECUTION AND DATA IN A STORAGE SYSTEM USING NON-VOLATILE MEMORY by R. Guy Lauterbach et al, the teachings of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

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Please replace the Third full paragraph of specification page 13 with the following replacement paragraph:

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In the illustrative embodiment, the first partition 182 contains the kernel image of the storage operating system being used in the particular application and the current configuration information. This configuration information includes the various hardware, software, and/or firmware settings describing the optional features that can be activated to provide additional functionality to the filer. These configuration settings, which may be user adjustable, include such features as activation of, *inter alia*, multiprocessor support. As used herein, the term kernel should be taken to include any configuration information. The second partition 184 includes a backup copy of the kernel image and a backup of the last known good configuration. The third partition 186 includes diagnostics code and the fourth partition 188 is designed for storing diagnostics log file. Details regarding the use of diagnostics code and log files on a removable nonvolatile memory device are set forth in the above-incorporated U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/072,140 now issued as U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DIAGNOSITCS EXECUTION AND DATA IN A STORAGE SYSTEM USING NONVOLATILE MEMORY by R. Guy Lauterbach et al.

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